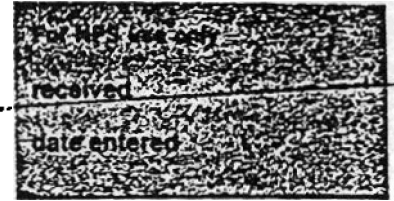


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INDIVIDUAL DATA SHEET

General Description

Code: CO-006

Congressional District: Fourth

Name: Columbia County Jail
Address: Calhoun & Jefferson Streets
Magnolia, Arkansas
County: Columbia

Current Owner: Judge R. W. "Bob" Henderson
Columbia County Judge
Address: Columbia County Courthouse
Magnolia, Arkansas 72110

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Thompson & Harding

Date of Construction: ca.1920

Stylistic Influence: Second Renaissance Revival

Original Use: Jail

Present Use: Jail

Geographical Information

UTM Reference: 15 477500/36805 40

Acreage: Less than one

Verbal Boundary Description: Original Survey of Magnolia
Block U, lots 193-194

Condition

Excellent
 Good
 Fair

Deteriorated
 Ruins
 Unexposed

Unaltered
 Altered

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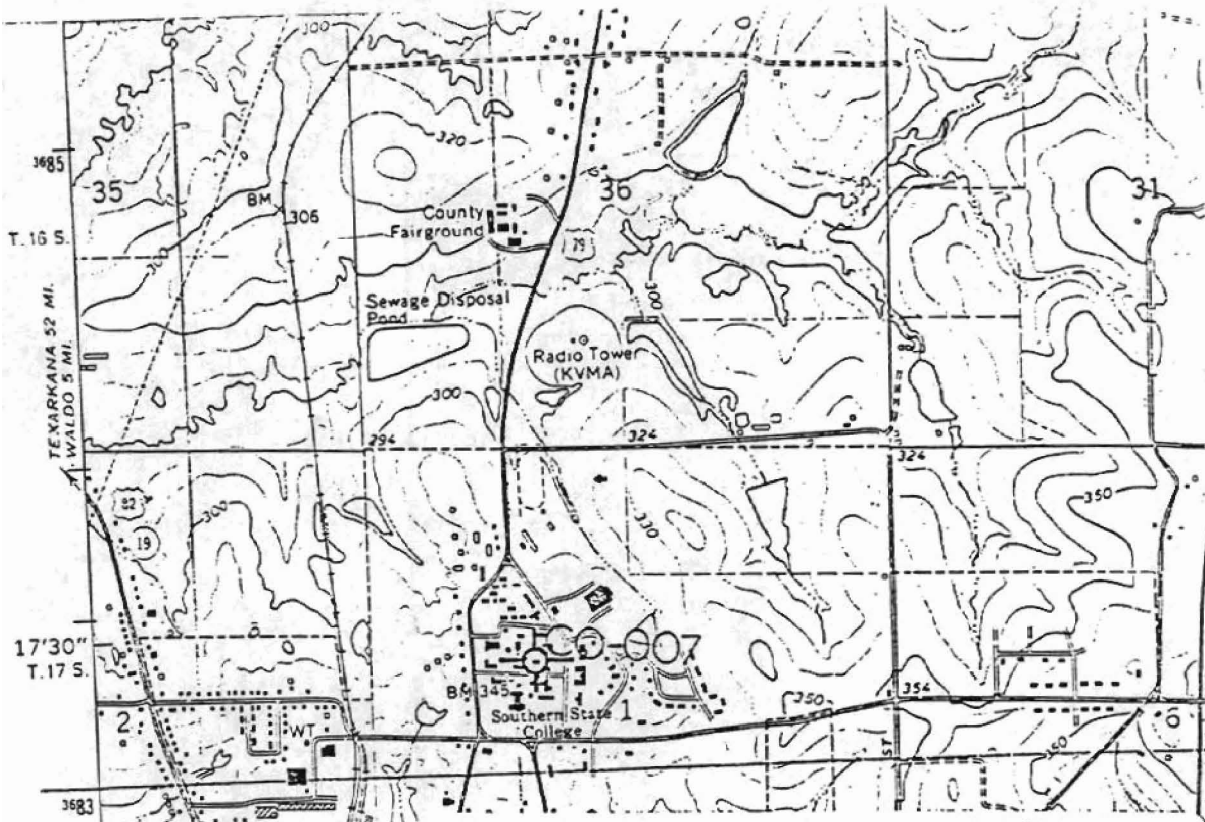
(Columbia County Jail, Magnolia, AR)

Physical Description

The Italian Renaissance was clearly the inspiration for this genteel jail in Magnolia. The light cream-colored brick with which it is faced, the simple cubic massing, the low hipped terra-cotta roof which caps the two-story structure and the elegant arcade of the portico with slender columns supporting round arches all contribute to the Renaissance flavor. Above the stone molding which forms a stringcourse atop the second story windows appear carved stone ornaments above each window in a cartouche motif with carved shell below. The slender stone columns have capitals carved in delicate volutes and acanthus motifs. Dragon-like gargoyles appear at corners of the projecting portico and decorative metal lanterns overhang all four corners of the structure. The symmetrically arranged casement windows give no hint that this is a jail.

Statement of Significance

The Columbia County Jail, with its distinctive appearance reminiscent of the Italian Renaissance, was built ca. 1920. A graceful portico arcade features slender columns between the three round arches. Of particular interest are carved stone ornaments which appear above each window. Gargoyles are found at the corners of the portico and decorative metal lanterns overhang all four corners of the building. Utilized as a jail from its construction to the present, the Columbia County Jail appears as a landmark structure in the business district of Magnolia, Arkansas. Although a public building, the Columbia County Jail displays a uniqueness of design and air of distinction.



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